POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVES

GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE - (GE-7)
CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Cellular Communications (BCH-GE-7)	04	02	00	02	Class XII with Science and Biology	Basic course in Cell Biology

Learning Objectives

- Explain the concept of Cell-cell communication.
- Describe the various types of receptors, signal transduction pathways, second messengers and effector molecules.
- To understand how signalling pathways, regulate cell motility, metabolism, growth, organogenesis, and cell death.
- Discuss the crosstalk between signal transduction pathways crosstalk and are auto-regulated.
- To know about various diseases associated with cellular communication pathway defects.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe various types of cell - cell communication.
2. Discuss the various types of receptors and signal transduction pathways in bacteria, plants and animal system.
3. Explain the importance of various signalling pathways in the regulation of metabolism, growth, organogenesis and cell death.
4. Discuss the cellular communication defects that lead to various types of diseases including cancers.

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BCH-GE-7 : CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS
SEMESTER - VI

2.2 Course Contents

Theory (Credit 2)

Total Hours : 30

Unit: 1 Introduction to cell- cell communication. (2 Hours)

Chemical signalling - endocrine, paracrine, autocrine, intracrine and neuroendocrine mechanisms. Cognate signalling.

Unit: 2 Receptors and Signal transduction pathways (16 Hours)

Hormone receptors - extracellular and intracellular. Receptor - hormone binding, Scatchard analysis. G-Protein-coupled Receptors: Heterotrimeric G proteins, Second messengers: cAMP, cGMP, Lipid-derived Second Messengers (IP3, DAG) NO, Calcium Signalling. Effector systems - adenylyl cyclase, guanylyl cyclase, PDE, PLC. Protein kinases (PKA, PKB, PKC, PKG).

Enzyme linked receptors: Receptor Tyrosine Kinases: EGF, insulin and erythropoietin. Ras - MAP kinase cascade, and JAK - STAT pathway.
Ion-channel linked receptors; Neurotransmitter receptors (Acetylcholine receptor). Nerve transmission.

Intracellular receptors: Cytoplasmic and nuclear receptors. Steroid hormone, thyroid hormone receptors. Gene regulation.

Integrin receptors. Integrin signalling. Cell matrix communication Receptor Regulation. Cross talk.

Unit 3: Photoreceptors and signal transduction in plants (4 Hours)

Phytochromes, cryptochromes and phototropins signalling.

Unit 4: Cell death signalling (4 Hours)

Apoptosis, Autophagy

Unit 5: Bacterial signalling (4 Hours)

Quorum sensing, autoinducers, chemotaxis.

2.3 Practical

Credit: 2 **Total Hours : 60**

6. Yeast response to mating pherohormones .
7. Study of Chemotaxis response in Tetrahymena/ paramecium/ dictostylium
8. Study change in heart rate (sympathetic response) on exposure to caffeine (cAMP mediated) in zebrafish larvae.
9. Chemotaxis/ motility assay in microbes.
10. Effect of plant hormones on plant growth or photomorphogenesis in response to light. (Phytochrome effects on lettuce germination/ Gibberellic acid effect on α-amylase secretion in barley seeds)

Essential readings:

1. Lodish, U. H. (2016) Molecular Cell Biology. W.H. Freeman, 2016.
2. Nelson, D. L., & Cox, M. M. (2021). Lehninger principles of biochemistry (8th ed.). W.H. Freeman. ISBN:9781319230906
3. Lim, W., Mayer, B., & Pawson, T. (2015). Cell signaling: principles and mechanisms. New York: Garland Science, Taylor & Francis Group.
4. Kocher, S. L., and Gujral, S. K. (2020). Plant Physiology Theory and Application. Cambridge University Press DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108486392.018
5. Demuth, D., & Lamont, R. (Eds.). (2006). Bacterial Cell-to-Cell Communication: Role in Virulence and Pathogenesis (Advances in Molecular and Cellular Microbiology). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/CBO9780511541506

Suggested readings:

1. ZFIN protocols
2. Harris UM. A., McGee, S. A., and Batzi J. M. (2018). Uncooking Yeast: Cells Signalling a Rise to Inquiry. Tested Studies for Laboratory Teaching. Proceedings of the Association for Biology Laboratory Education. 38 (9) 1-48
4. Plant physiology and biotechnology laboratory manual. Compiled by: David Law, Lada Malek and JoAnne Henderson. 2006. https://old.amu.ac.in/emp/studym/99997510.pdf

3. Keywords

Chemical signaling, Receptors, signal transduction, GPCRs, RTKs, Photoreceptors, cell death signaling, bacterial signalling

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.

GENERIC ELECTIVES COURSE - (GE-8)
BIOCHEMICAL CORRELATION OF DISEASES

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
BIOCHEMICAL CORRELATION OF DISEASES (BCH-GE-8)	04	02	00	02	Class XII with Science and Biology	XIIth pass with biology

Learning Objectives

The course aims to provide students with knowledge and understanding of the spectrum of human diseases. It will introduce the concept of a well-balanced diet, healthy lifestyle, the biochemical mechanism of diseases, treatment strategies, mechanism of action of drugs and drug resistance against various antimicrobials. The course also aims to outline the various strategies that could be employed for prevention of infectious and non-infectious diseases.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Discuss the importance of a balanced diet, regular exercises and healthy lifestyle in leading a disease-free life.
2. Explain the functioning of the immune system and endocrine system and the basis of various autoimmune and hormonal disorders.
3. Correlate the genetic mutation and metabolic disorders.
4. Discuss the molecular mechanism of microbial pathogenicity, drug resistance and implications in public health management.

SYLLABUS OF GE-8

BCH-GE-8 : BIOCHEMICAL CORRELATION OF DISEASES
SEMESTER - VI

2.2 Course Contents

Theory (Credit 2)

Total Hours: 30

Unit I: Inherited Metabolic diseases and Hormonal disorders (9 Hours)

Introduction to inherited Metabolic diseases. Alkaptonuria, Phenylketonuria; Glycogen storage diseases (Von Gierke disease, Cori disease); Lipid storage diseases: Gaucher's disease; SCID. Overview of the endocrine disorders: Cushing's disease, Diabetes insipidus.

Unit II: Nutritional deficiency and lifestyle-based diseases (7 Hours)

Concept of nutrition and balanced diet; Protein-energy malnutrition: Kwashiorkor and Marasmus; Vitamin deficiency diseases: Beri-Beri, Scurvy, Pellagra, Nutritional deficiency Anemia, Night blindness, Rickets. Lifestyle-based diseases: Atherosclerosis, Diabetes Mellitus-II.

Unit III: Autoimmune diseases (6 Hours)

Concepts in immune recognition-self and non-self-discrimination, organ specific autoimmune diseases- Hashimoto's thyroiditis, Graves' disease, Myasthenia Gravis, Diabetes Melitus-I, Systemic diseases: Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), Rheumatoid arthritis.

Unit IV: Infectious diseases (8 Hours)

Classification of infectious diseases; Role of sanitation, drugs and vaccines in prevention, transmission and treatment of infectious diseases. Diseases caused by viruses: Polio, Influenza, HIV and COVID. Diseases caused by bacteria: Tetanus, Tuberculosis. Protozoan infections: Malaria; Parasitic infections: Kala Azar.

2.3 Practical:

Credits: 2 **Total Hours : 60**

8. Anthropometric measurements: BMI, Waist/Hip Ratio, Mid Arm Muscle Area (MAMA), Mid Arm Area (MAA).
9. Measurement of Blood pressure
10. Determination of blood Lipid Profile: Triglyceride, Cholesterol
11. Glucose tolerance test
12. Widal test
13. Permanent slides of malarial parasites/Leishmania
14. Case studies related to autoimmune diseases, life-style disorders and hormonal imbalance

2.4 Essential readings:

5. Berg, J.M., Tymoczko, J.L., Gatto, G.J., Stryer, L. (2019). Biochemistry (9th ed.). W.H Freeman and Company (New York). ISBN-13:9781319114671
6. Coico, R. (2021). Immunology: A Short Course (8th ed.). John Wiley & Sons, Inc (New Jersey). ISBN: 9781119551577.
7. Devlin, T. M., (2011). Textbook of Biochemistry with Clinical Correlations. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (New York). ISBN: 978-0-4710-28173-4.
8. Willey, J., Sandman, K., Wood, D. (2019). Prescott's Microbiology (11th ed.). McGraw Hill International Edition (New York) ISBN: 9781260211887.

Suggested readings:

4. Sherwood, L. (2012). Introduction to Human Physiology (8th ed.). Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning. ISBN-13: 978-1133104544 ISBN-10: 1133104541.
5. Hadley, M.E., Levine, J.E. (2007). Endocrinology (6th ed.). New Delhi, Pearson Education, Inc. ISBN: 978-81-317-2610-5.
6. Malik, D., Narayanasamy, N., Vavilala, P., Takur, J., Sinha, N., (2022). Textbook of Nutritional Biochemistry. Springer Singapore, ISBN978-981-19-4149-8.

3. Keywords

Lifestyle and metabolic disorders, nutritional deficiency, hormonal disorder, autoimmunity and infectious diseases.

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GENERIC ELECTIVES COURSE - (GE-11)
TOOLS OF GENETIC ENGINEERING

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Tools for Genetic Engineering (BCH-GE-11)	04	02	00	02	Class XII with Science and Biology	Basic course in Molecular Biology

Learning Objectives

The objective of the course is to teach:

- Basics of theoretical and practical aspects of recombinant DNA technology.
- Various techniques for DNA manipulation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Grow bacterial culture and obtain single isolated colonies
2. Estimate the concentration of DNA by UV spectroscopy
3. Extract plasmid DNA from recombinant *E. coli*
4. Perform restriction digestion and evaluate the end products by agarose gel electrophoresis
5. Perform Polymerase chain reaction and amplify a DNA fragment
6. Explain the various methods for expression of recombinant genes in *E.coli*
7. Perform gene cloning

SYLLABUS OF GE-11

BCH-GE-11 : TOOLS FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING
SEMESTER - VI

2.2 Course Contents

Theory (Credit 2)

Total Hours: 30

UNIT I: Introduction to recombinant DNA technology **(5 Hours)**

Overview of gene cloning. Restriction and Modification systems, Restriction endonucleases, DNA modifying enzymes (DNA polymerase I, Taq polymerase, DNAse I, DNA Ligase).

UNIT II: Cloning vectors for prokaryotes and eukaryotes **(6 Hours)**

Salient features of vectors (pBR322, pUC8, Lambda bacteriophage, Ti plasmid) used in cloning.

UNIT III: **Introduction of DNA into cells and selection of recombinants (9 Hours)**

Ligation of DNA molecules: linker, adapters, homopolymer tailing. Introduction of DNA into bacterial cells, selection of transformed cells, insertional inactivation. Identification of recombinant phages. cDNA and Genomic DNA libraries. Clone identification by colony and plaque hybridization.

UNIT IV: Basics of Polymerase Chain Reaction and DNA sequencing (5 Hours)

Fundamentals of polymerase chain reaction, designing primers for PCR. DNA sequencing by chain-termination method, pyrosequencing.

UNIT V: Expression of cloned genes (5 Hours)

Vectors for expression of foreign genes in *E. coli,* expression cassettes. Hybrid promoters trc, tac, λpL and T7 promoter-based expression–vectors. Challenges in producing recombinant protein in *E. coli.* Fusion tags (poly-histidine, GST) and their role in purification of recombinant proteins.

2.3 Practicals

Credits : 2 **Total Hours: 60**

1. Growing a culture of *E.coli* and obtaining isolated colonies by streak-plate method.
2. DNA estimation by UV spectrophotometry.
3. Isolation of plasmid DNA from *E. coli.*
4. Restriction digestion of plasmid DNA and agarose gel electrophoresis.
5. Amplification of a DNA fragment by PCR (demonstration)

2.4 Essential Readings

1. Gene Cloning and DNA Analysis (2016) 7th ed., Brown, T.A., Wiley Blackwell Publishing (Oxford, UK), ISBN: 978-1-119-07256-0.
2. Molecular Biotechnology: Principles and Applications of Recombinant DNA (2010) 4th ed., Glick B.R., Pasternak, J.J. and Patten, C.L., ASM Press (Washington DC), ISBN: 978-1-55581-498-4 (HC).

3. Key Words

Genetic Engineering, Recombinant Proteins, PCR, DNA Sequencing

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